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SECURITY INFORMATION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Summer Area Training

1. NE/OPC favors summer training programs at universities located within the area to be studied, rather than summer area training conducted on-the-job by visiting consultants. The former plan is considered more effective, not only because it helps trainees "get the feel of the area," but also because they derive more benefit from their studies pursued on a full-time basis away from the distractions of normal desk duties.

2. Courses at [redacted] would be especially helpful to NE/OPC, and participation of approximately 4 trainees at each institution can be guaranteed if 8-week courses are offered in the summer of 1952.

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3. In the event that it is found impossible to offer the training at locations in the Near East or Middle East, and is necessary instead to rely on visiting consultants, it is recommended that the instruction be put on a full-time, short-term basis, such as eight hours daily for a period of two weeks. Attendance of at least 4 trainees in a course of this kind can be guaranteed.

4. The results of the training at [redacted] in 1951 have been generally favorable, so far as NE/OPC is concerned. It is recommended that, if it is offered again, it be planned in such a way as to enable the students to apply themselves more intensively. Also, a fuller use might be made of diplomatic and consular officials as visiting lecturers.

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